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SUBJECT: ILO - DRAFT CONTINGENCY PAPER ON RELATIONS
BETWEEN US AND GDR DELEGATIONS TO 59TH SESSION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE.

1. FOL IS DRAFT POSITION PAPER FOR GUIDANCE TO USDEL IN
ITS DEALINGS WITH MEMBERS OF ILO DELEGATION OF GERMAN
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC. THIS PAPER HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED
AS AN INSRUCTION, ALTHOUGH WE EXPECT THAT IT WILL BE.
THIS IF FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY, PENDING FORMAL APPROVAL
BY DEPARTMENT.

2. PROBLEM

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THE GDR JOINED THE ILO JANUARY 1, 1974, AND IS A MEMBER IN

GOOD STANDING, ENTITLED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE. USDEL IS LIKELY TO COME INTO CONTACT WITH GDR REPRESENTATIVES IN THE NORMAL COURSE OF BUSINESS. THE US, HOWEVER, DOES NOT HAVE FORMAL, DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE GDR, AND OUR RELATIONS WITH GDR REPRESENTATIVES AT THE CONFERENCE ARE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN RESTRAINTS.

POSITION

1. IF THE GDR DELEGATION HOSTS AN OFFICIAL RECEPTION, THE US MAY BE REPRESENTED AT THE RANK OF THE CHIEF OF DELEGATION. SUCH REPRESENTATION SHOULD BE MODEST IN THE NUMBER OF US REPRESENTATIVES.
2. USDEL MAY INCLUDE GDR REPS IF IT HOSTS A LARGE FUNCTION FOR ALL DELEGATIONS TO THE CONFERENCE. USDEL, HOWEVER, SHOULD NOT INVITE GDR REPRESENTATIVES TO SMALLER SOCIAL FUNCTIONS WHERE GUEST LISTS ARE SELECTIVE. USDEL NEED NOT APPEAR UNFRIENDLY OR UNRESPONSIVE TO GDR APPROACHES AND SHOULD NOT REFRAIN FROM NORMAL CONVERSATIONS AT EVENTS HOSTED BY THIRD COUNTRIES.
3. USDEL, AT ALL LEVELS, MAY WORK DIRECTLY WITH GDR REPRESENTATIVES IN ALL PROPERLY CONSTITUTED ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS ASSEMBLIES, COMMITTEES, AND WORKING GROUPS.
4. USDEL MAY ACCEPT AND ANSWER DIRECT COMMUNICATION FROM GDR REPRESENTATIVES PERTAINING TO CONFERENCE BUSINESS.
5. USDEL SHOULD NOT TAKE THE LEAD IN ESTABLISHING BILATERAL CONTACTS WITH GDR REPRESENTATIVES NOR BE RESPONSIVE TO GDR INITIATIVES UNLESS THERE IS A SUBSTANTIVE NEED FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN THE US AND GDR DELEGATIONS.
6. USDEL SHOULD REPORT ALL CONTACTS OR SUBSTANTIVE CONVERSATIONS WITH GDR REPRESENTATIVES TO THE DEPARTMENT WITH COPIES TO BONN AND THE US MISSION IN BERLIN.
7. USDEL SHOULD REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT IF IT IS CONFRONTED WITH A SPECIAL SITUATION NOT COVERED

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BY THE ABOVE INSTRUCTIONS. RUSH

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